APPELLANT

- 2. Findings of Tribunal on questions of fact material to decision (i.e. the relevant facts accepted from the evidence available).
 - 1. We are satisfied, having heard the able submission of Mr Kelman and having particular regard to the statement of 23 January 1991 on Page 9 of the appeal papers that Mary Mulligan contracted the disease of mesothelioma whilst employed at Ibrox Garage for a period approximately from 1960 to 1976.
 - 2. We prefer this factual evidence to the assumption as to the source of the contraction of this disease which is stated in the letter of 19 July 1989 from the Victoria Infirmary Hospital Unit.

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3. Full text of *unanimous/*majority decision on the *Appeal/*Reference (including amounts and effective date(s) as appropriate)

Disablement Benefit is payable because the disease is due to the nature of the deceased's employed earner's employment.

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- **4.** Reasons for decision (i.e. an explanation of why, when applying the facts to the statutory provisions and case-law, a particular conclusion is reached. And why, if it is not clear from Box 2, certain evidence has been accepted or rejected.)
 - 1. We have explained why we have found that the balance of probabilities comes down in favour of the appellant in Box 2 above. \checkmark
 - 2. We have also had regard to the document called Asbestos: Killer Dust to support this conclucion.
 - 3. The legislation has been correctly set out in Form AT2. We accept the Adjudication Officer's submission that we are not able, on the facts so far put forward, to make an award longer than for the period 8 July 1981 to 28 July 1981, and for this reason have left the date open so that the appellant can consider whether to ask the medical authorities to make a decision on the date of the onset of the disease which could alter the present period for which we have the power to make an award.

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3. If you wish to appeal you should apply to the tribunal chairman for leave to appeal to the Commissioner. You must do so by writing to me within 3 months of the date on which the decision was issued stating clearly which decision you wish to appeal against and why you think the decision is wrong in law. If you ask, I will give you a form on which to make your application. Send your application to me. When you are sent the chairman's decision you will be told what to do next.

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